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DISCUSSION OF POST-CIEC NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS

REFS: (A) OECD PARIS 14840; (B) C(77)110

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: WITH LESS THAN THREE
WEEKS TO GO BEFORE THE OECD MINISTERIAL, SECGEN VAN
LENNEP HAS BEEN ANXIOUS TO FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF
ISSUES AND ACCORDINGLY SCHEDULED DISCUSSION OF PAPER ON
POST-CIEC NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS FOR JUNE 3, RECOGNIZING
THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO FULLY DIGEST
RESULTS OF CIEC. DISCUSSION, WHICH CONTINUED ON JUNE 6,
CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON THREE ISSUES: (A) WHAT COULD
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OR SHOULD BE SAID BY OECD MINISTER ABOUT CIEC AND
MORE SPECIFICALLY WHETHER COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE ENDORSED
BY NON-G8 MEMBERS OF OECD. (B) WHETHER AND HOW TO
LAUNCH OECD EFFORT TO DEVELOP LONGER-TERM STRATEGY FOR
NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS? (C) WHAT KINDS OF CONTACT, IF
ANY, OECD SHOULD SEEK TO DEVELOP WITH EMERGING LDC
ECONOMIC POWERS? FINALLY, AND RELATINQ TO ALL THREE

ISSUES, WHETHER IT IS DESIRABLE TO ISSUE A POST-CIEC MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS. SECRETARIAT WILL NOW PROCEED TO REWORK DISCUSSION PAPER FOR MINISTERIAL (C(77)110 "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES"). WE SHOULD HAVE WASHINGTON'S THINKING ON THE ABOVE ISSUES URGENTLY IF THE U.S. IS TO INFLUENCE NATURE OF PAPER AND OTHER COUNTRIES' PREPARATIONS OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. IN CONNECTION WITH THESE POINTS, MISSION COMMENDS TO WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION IDEAS DEVELOPED IN PART V OF MISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR OECD MINISTERIAL CONTAINED IN REF. A. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

2. VAN LENNEP OPENED DISCUSSION BY SAYING MINISTERS WOULD NO DOUBT WISH TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE OUTCOME OF CIEC, AND HE RAISED TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS RESPECT FOR NON-G8 MEMBERS OF OECD: WHETHER THEY WOULD BE READY (A) TO GENERALLY ENDORSE THE RESULTS OF CIEC, AND (B) TO MAKE COMMITMENTS WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAM OR ADHERENCE TO OTHER SPECIFIC CIEC AGREEMENTS. HEADS OF DEL WILL DISCUSS CIEC OUTCOME JUNE 8. SECGEN ALSO ASKED SPECIAL COUNSELOR MACCHIA TO SET UP MEETING FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE CIEC ISSUES WITH NON-G8 MEMBERS IN ORDER TO BETTER INFORM THEM OF CIEC RESULTS AND EXPLORE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE POSITIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES IN TIME FOR MINISTERIAL.

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3. SECGEN NOTED, NOW THAT CIEC HAD CONCLUDED, MINISTERS SHOULD LAUNCH OECD EXAMINATION OF LONGER-TERM STRATEGY FOR RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SAID ELEMENTS OF STRATEGY COULD BE EXAMINED IN VARIOUS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OF THE ORGANIZATION UNDER OVER-ALL GUIDANCE OF THE XCSS. VAN LENNEP POINTED OUT THAT WORK ON A STRATEGY SHOULD BE DONE IN WIDER CONTEXT OF EFFORTS TO MANAGE WORLD ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. HE NOTED THAT C(77)110 OUTLINES THREE FACTORS WHICH MARK CURRENT ECONOMIC SCENE: SLOW RECOVERY FROM RECESSION, PROBLEMS THIS CREATES IN VARIOUS SECTORS, AND CHANGING WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURES, I.E., EMERGENCE OF SURPLUS OPEC COUNTRIES AND OF NEW LDC MERCHANDISE EXPORTERS. HE DREW ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 40 IN THE DOCUMENT WHICH RAISED THE ISSUE OF CONTACTS WITH EMERGENT FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL POWERS IN POST-CIEC PERIOD. FINALLY, VAN LENNEP ASKED FOR VIEWS ON WHAT COULD BE SAID IN THE MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE OR A SEPARATE DECLARATION ON CIEC AND POST-CIEC RELATIONS WITH

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. IN DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED PERMREPS, MOST OF WHOM

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SPOKE PERSONALLY WITHOUT BENEFIT OF INSTRUCTIONS,
APPEARED TO BE OF TWO MINDS WHETHER SOMETHING SHOULD OR
SHOULD NOT BE SAID ABOUT CIEC AND POST-CIEC PROCESS.
CANADIAN PERMREP MCLEAN NOTED THAT SOME G-8 MINISTERS
WERE IRRITATED BY THE G-19 REJECTION OF ON-GOING ENERGY
DIALOGUE, AND HE WONDERED WHAT MOOD THEY WOULD BE IN FOR
A NEW DECLARATION AT THE MINISTERIAL. HE SUGGESTED A
MILD MINISTERIAL STATEMENT WHICH WOULD SAY THAT CIEC HAD
BEEN QUOTE SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL UNQUOTE, REAFFIRM G-8
DECISION NOT TO RETREAT FROM ANY OF THE ADVANCES MADE
IN CIEC, AND REITERATE NOTION THAT CIEC IS ONLY ONE
STEP IN THE ON-GOING DIALOGUE. OTHERS ALSO SAID IT
MIGHT BE DIFFICULT SO SOON AFTER CIEC TO DRAFT ANY OTHER
MEANINGFUL STATEMENT. DUTCH AND SWEDISH REPS WERE PAR-
TICULARLY SKITTISH ABOUT OECD STATEMENT ON CIEC AND
POST-CIEC DIALOGUE. OTHER REPS, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED
CONFIDENCE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE
ISSUES AND WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO MAKE SOME PUBLIC

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STATEMENT. IT WAS NOTED, MOREOVER, THAT G-77 WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS CIEC RESULTS AND WOULD PROBABLY COME UP WITH A STATEMENT OF SOME SORT.

5. CHARGE, STATING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, POINTED OUT ANYTHING MINISTERS SAID OR DID NOT SAY PUBLICLY ON NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS, IN POST-CIEC PERIOD WHETHER IN DECLARATION OR COMMUNIQUE, WOULD BE EXAMINED CLOSELY BY LDC'S AND CONSIDERED TO BE A CAREFULLY CONSIDERED MESSAGE. HE THOUGHT MINISTERS WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THREE QUESTIONS: WHAT IS THEIR ASSESSMENT OF CIEC? WHAT DIRECTIONS SHOULD THE DIA-LOGUE NOW TAKE, AND WHAT SHOULD OECD COUNTRIES DO AMONG THEMSELVES TO PREPARE FOR IT? WHAT SIGNAL, IF ANY, SHOULD OECD COUNTRIES SEND TO THE LDC'S AT THIS POINT? HE URGED BASIC PAPER FOR MINISTERIAL BE TIGHTENED UP AND THE ISSUES FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION MORE SHARPLY FOCUSED.

6. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING SECGEN ANNOUNCED SECRETARIAT WILL DO PAPER IN LIGHT OF COMMENT AND WILL ALSO BEGIN DEVELOPING POSSIBLE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION IN CONSULTATION WITH KEY DELS.

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